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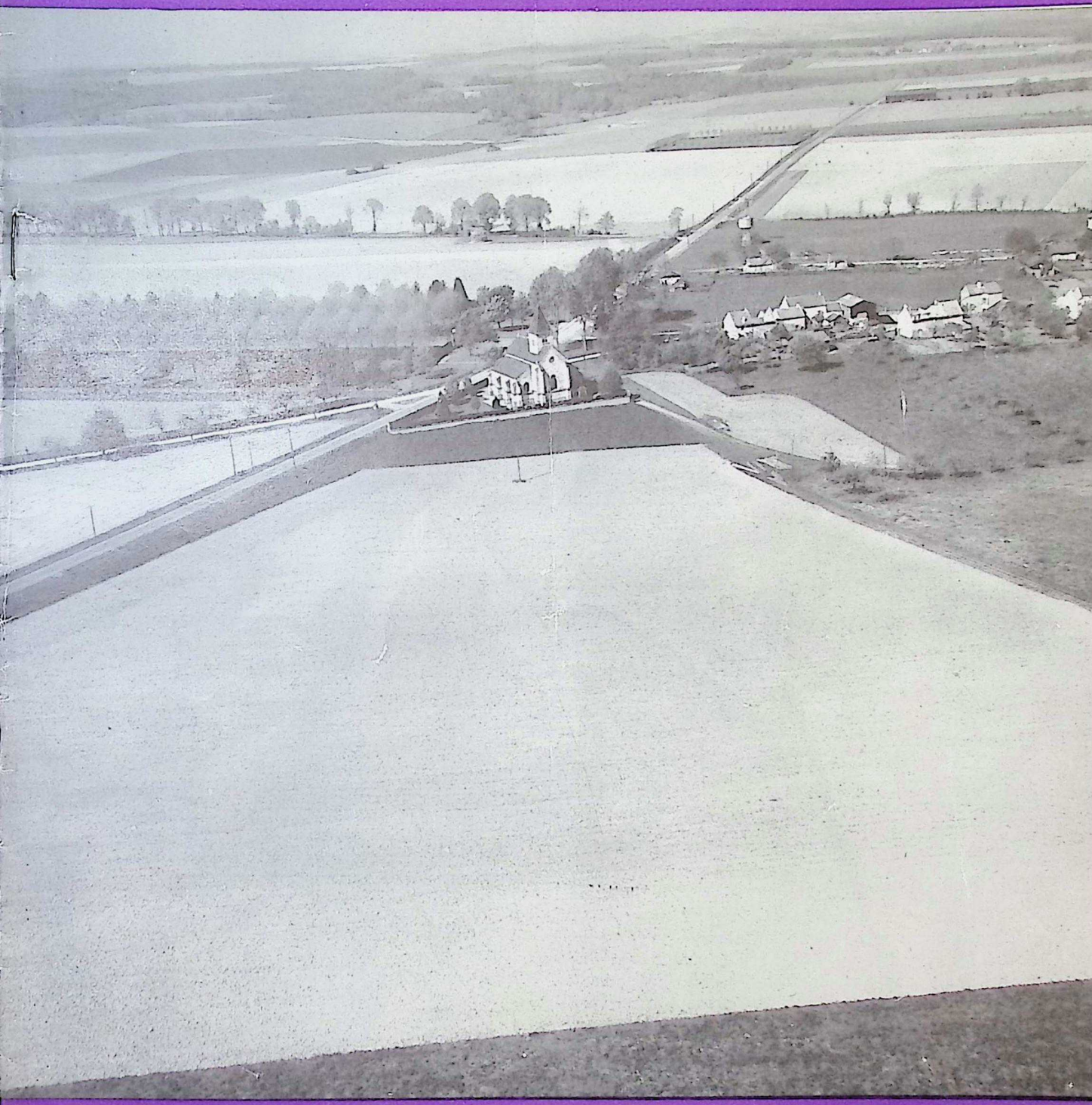

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EDITORIAL

Eve Of The Atom

"If the bomb (atomic) could be improved only slightly, civilization would have the means to commit suicide at will."

So said the War Department on August 12 of this year in a statement declaring that the atomic bomb releases only about one-tenth of one per-cent of its potential energy.

That's enough, War Department, we believe you. We also believe that you've talked yourself out of a job, or experimented yourself out of a job, War Department. It looks like all wars after this one will need something bigger than even five-star generals to lead them, something bigger than mere planetary beings to pull the strings.

It looks like a big Pyrrhic victory for everybody, in which the only survivors will be the scornful people on Mars, and in which God will have missed the bus with his long awaited Deluge. The millenium will have been almost a thousand years late in coming, but it will have come.

But it isn't altogether too late. We still have a choice. We can still learn to live together in peace or go up together in little bits of molecular smoke. There isn't going to be any victory or any defeat after the next one, just the Flood.

It all becomes ridiculously easy. The diplomats enter the council chamber, and take their places around the green table. And in front of Mr. America there is a push button, and in front of Mr. Asia there is a push button, and in front of Mr. Europe there is a push button.

And Mr. Asia, just for example, looks at his watch and says to the others:

"My Government has instructed me to push my button at 1234 hours unless the foregoing terms are accepted. Unfortunately, gentlemen, you cannot hope to cut the wire leading to our atomic bomb, because there are no wires. It's mere radio impulse. So I suggest you consider carefully and acquiescently."

And then at 1233½ the old thriller scenario describing the frantic struggle for the button is re-enacted, to be punctuated for all time at 1234 by any one of the Misters pressing any one of the buttons.

It's easy. No more armies, no more conscription, peace-times or other times. Just a nice mother-of-pearl push-button to be carried around in a diplomat's portfolio.

Living together and liking it isn't quite as terrible as it's often been made out to be. Not one-tenth of one per-cent as dangerous as the button.

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PEACE AND THE VETERAN

(By Leon F. Denis, Ex-104th Inf., A.E.F.)

August 14th brought us to the close of active hostilities in the most devastating and most costly war in our history, and rightly — most of us breathe a big sigh of relief all the while thanking the Almighty for lifting such a heavy burden from our shoulders.

There are some, however, who with that miserly instinct that grips so many; have griped plenty because the war is over and consequently lowered their income by either eliminating the overtime that swelled their pay check and permitted them to live high, wide and handsome — even to beyond their income so ravenously acquired. Many is the married woman who loudly howls now because she has been "laid off" from war work and has to stay home and mind her business of raising a family properly — which, incidentally she has not been doing while she was so busy making money. There are likewise, many family set-ups where everybody worked? and ravenously went after the bucks while others slaved on fields of battle for little. What a howl they too, emitted when all were likewise "laid off" except possibly the head of the family or the father.

Is this what our sons, husbands and sweethearts have been fighting for — that some ravenous wolves accumulate sheckels to spend high, wide and handsome at races, etc.; while they, the cream of our manhood fought and bled on distant battlefields? In my estimation based on close observation many who remained behind proved far more ravenous than prevailed during the trying days of the first YD in 1917-1918; and, unless their outlook on life changes radically and soon, there will be trouble in our country when redeployment becomes a reality instead of newspaper phrases. They must be forced to see and realize that they "are their brother's keeper" and that they must compensate in some manner for the vast difference that had prevailed between their mode of life during the war and that of their distant "brothers" on the world's battlefields.

So much for the stay-at-homes who did so rightfully or otherwise, and there were entirely too many of the latter class — do not let us forget that either.

As to the veteran himself, he has a big readjustment to make; bigger than us fellows of the 1st World War had to accomplish, due to the longer periods away from civilian pursuits as well as greater distances away from home while on the various battlefields. Granted, they are not to be coddled — all of them are now grown men, not boys any more. They are, however, not to be steam-rolled into any chiselling rackets and literally robbed of what few bucks they did receive when released from active military service. Any attempt at extensive chiselling measures aimed at the veterans, I am sure, will result in racketeers involved eventually feeling mighty sorry they ever thought up their bright idea.

The veteran must speedily come to the realization, that by virtue of his very numbers — he has the power to do what he will with his country, state or city; and, mind you if they fail in this respect they will later kick themselves in the pants for not having done so. There is no reason whatever why every political opening in the country is not taken over by veterans — from the White House to the State House and the City Hall; and that means everywhere. There are many now occupying such seats, who have a bitter accounting to render and their future in my estimation, does not seem in the least bright from any viewpoint. They have sowed their seed and have but to reap the harvest of their accomplishment or lack of accomplishment; and Heaven help some of them, nobody else can or will likely attempt to help them.

The veterans must organize and do this in such a thorough manner that the mere mention of their organizations brings just fear to the heart of anyone opposed to them. In no other way can the veterans even hope to accomplish anything; and accomplish things they must if they intend to survive and rightfully take their place in society — at the top where they belong. They need but to face their problems squarely, think them out soundly and in due time — take proper and concerted action to secure definite accomplishment of their acknowledged mission. In short, they have but to apply the routine of the battlefield to ordinary — every day, civil life — reconnoitre, estimate the situation; then act with all the vigor and force they can present, once the right course has been decided upon and agreed to be the best solution to the problem at hand. This definitely proves that military training has some value in civil life, now or any other time.

Veterans need not chisel, brow-beat or use similar methods which have been too common — during the war in certain labor and business circles. The black market and similar evils must be dealt with in a manner fitting the cancer they represent on our way of life.

Certain inalienable rights have been granted veterans through legislation and these rights should be guarded very closely by them all to the end none of

them are cheated and that all may get their just dues as intended when the laws were put on the statute books.

Indeed, the very fate of the nation — not only the fate of the veterans, is in their hands; and in dealing with this problem they must assure that our country is no longer chiselled out of everything we have by any other country on any pretense — all the while remembering that charity begins at home. In this respect the words of the late Theodore Roosevelt fit very appropriately "America for Americans" — first, last, always.

Face Saving

The Japs have a method for "saving face,"
For them it cancels all disgrace
So our invading force can expect to see,
The Japanese art of appendectomy,
Just two sword cuts in the abdomen
And Hara-Kari has won again.
Just two sword cuts — their face they save,
And take it with them to the grave.
It's O.K. by us — if that's what they chose,
But a face like theirs — we'd be willing to lose.

— Roland Hoogerzeil,
Hdq. Co., 101st F.A.

APPRECIATION

Lewiston, Maine, Sept., 16, 1945.

"To all Chapters of the Maine YD, I'd appreciate your whole-hearted cooperation in recruiting new members of World War II, into the organization, along with our old YD. Also in being neighborly with the various chapters throughout the State."

— Eugene A. Beaudoin,
Dept. of Maine Commander.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Another remarkable photo by Lt. Gardner Watts, Eighth American Air Force. Aerial view of YD Memorial Church.

"Take Back Your Stripes, Sir," Says Diehard Buck Private

When future historians record the present struggle members of the human race have gone through for their principles, there should be more than a footnote in their volumes concerning Private Jacob Waskelewicz, Worcester, Mass., Co. B, 328th Infantry.

Private Waskelewicz joined the YD back in December when the division was resting in Metz. When the YD was rushed into the Bulge, Waskelewicz went along. In recognition of his outstanding work, he was promoted in March to the rank of PFC. Then the struggle began.

Private Waskelewicz did not want to be a Private First Class. He wanted neither the glamour, the responsibilities nor the extra pay that went with the single stripe. He simply wanted to be a private. But his commanding officer thought otherwise.

This made Waskelewicz very unhappy.

Caught in the midst of a vicious army system, which recognized neither trade unions nor the right of an honest working man to strike against the injustices of the boss class, Waskelewicz, now a full-fledged PFC, carried on one of the most heroic fights in army records against what he considered "man's inhumanity to man."

At the end of each month when men were lining up to receive their pay, Waskelewicz refused to join the ceremony. More than that he even refused to collect his pay. "I will not take PFC pay," he said with calm resolution.

Came August and the CO of Baker Co., a new CO appreciating the heroic quality of PFC Waskelewicz's fight, decided the man was right. He revoked the order that made Waskelewicz a PFC, and restored him to his unstriped bliss.

Apartment or Small House Wanted

The house Phil Sanborn's widow is renting in Needham has been sold and she has lived out the 90 days given by the O.P.A. without finding a place to move to, and now has been served with an eviction notice, to be executed on September 30.

In common with many others, she is desperate to find a place to live with her sister and aged mother. She would like to stay outside of Boston. I write with the hope that you may know or hear of a small house or apartment to rent. If you do know or hear of any place available, please let me know by 'phone — LAFayette 3785 or call Mrs. Sanborn direct to save time — LIBerty 9100.

Sincerely,

— L. H. Redfield

COMMANDER'S REPORT

In the July-August issue of DOINGS, I appealed to every Y.D.V.A. comrade to go out and solicit your community for new members and re-ups of former members. It is most gratifying to me and to your officers to see our membership increasing so rapidly. Please continue the good work.

On Friday, August 3, I attended the Springfield Chapter meeting to help welcome six World War II members into the organization.

Saturday, August 4, I attended a dinner at the Boston City Club in honor of National Commander Milton D. Cohn of the D.A.V. which was largely attended.

Your organization was represented by me at the installation exercises of Post 326, American Legion, World War II Veterans on August 17.

I had the honor of representing the Y.D.V.A. at the dinner given by Mayor Kerrigan of Boston at the Statler Hotel on August 30 for the American Legion Executive Committee. There I met a number of our comrades.

On September 9, the New Britain Chapter held Y.D.V.A. day. A wonderful reception was given your National Commander, one which will be long remembered by me. Our party (National Sgt.-at-Arms and wife, Mrs. Brunton, my daughter Marita and I) were met at the Bond Hotel in Hartford with a state police car driven by comrade Albin Backiel of the state police and also a member of New Britain chapter, and were driven to the Hotel Sheraton where a reception committee composed of Commander Tony Pechout, of New Britain Chapter, Senior Vice Commander Clarence Roys of Dept. of Conn. P. C. Gardner Weld of the American Legion and former Mayor of New Britain and P. C. New Britain Chapter YD, Past National Commander Al Herman and Mayor Quiley, a real YD friend William Sweeney and Edward Ogron greeted us.

The party augmented by Jr. Vice Comm. Hogan of the Springfield Chapter, Mrs. Hogan and son then proceeded to the World War Memorial in Walnut Hill Park, where a wreath was placed in honor of New Britain's dead. The following members were met at the memorial. Dept. Com. John Frey, Past Dept. Com. Fred Hirsch, Sgt.-at-Arms George Carlos, Past Dept. Com. Clarence Geer. The group then proceeded to the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Newington where we were greeted by chief surgeon Lt. Col. Preston. We were served an excellent chicken dinner, after which we were taken on a tour of inspection of the entire building. The entire building was immaculate and equipment the latest to date. We greeted a number of World War I YD veterans and one boy from Pittsfield of World War II. There are 405 beds at Newington and 347 were occupied on the day of our visit.

On leaving the hospital we proceeded to the New Britain Armory where a very fine meeting was conducted by Dept. Com. Frey. Past National Commanders Ed. Miller, Ben Bourn and Al. Herman were present.

After the meeting a very fine supper was served. Commander Pechout and his very fine committee deserve a great deal of thanks for a splendid day and an excellent job well done.

On Sept. 13, we traveled to Salem, Mass., where Past State Commander Thibault and his committee did an excellent job with a very fine dinner and a welcoming party to the YD Veterans of World War II who have joined the Salem Chapter.

I attended a dinner at the Hotel Kimball, Spfld., Sept. 18, given by Company E., Mass. State Guard for the wounded veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS J. BRUNTON,
National Commander, Y.D.V.A.

A P O

The name of Ralph M. Immell last week was forwarded to the Senate by President Truman to be promoted to Major General, A.G.D., N.G. A.U.S.

General Immell served as a Lieutenant in Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry, A.E.F. and for a number of years has been Adjutant General with the rank of Brigadier General of the Wisconsin National Guard.

A. P. O.

John Sutherland of the 182nd Inf., W. W. II member, is the proud father of a seven pound daughter, Sheila Marie, born Aug. 27, 1945.

Congratulations John, to you and Mrs. Sutherland.

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BRUNTON GREETED BY YD VETERANS

GUEST OF HONOR AT CONNECTICUT STATE MEETING

Front row, l. to r.: Albert Herman, Norwalk, P.N.C.; Roswell Patch, Springfield, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms; Nat. Commander Brunton; Philip Fray, Fairfield, Conn., State Dept. Commander.

Second row, Fred Hirsch, New Haven, P.S.C.; Edward Blair, Springfield, P.C.; Clarence Roys, Meriden, State S.V.C.; Gardner C. Weld, New Britain, Past Chapter Commander.

Third row, Anthony Pechout, New Britain, Chap. Commander; George Carlos, Waterbury, State Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms; Clarence Geer, Stamford, Past Dept. Commander, and State Policeman Albin Backiel.

Dennis J. Brunton of Springfield, Mass., Nat. Commander of the Y.D.V.A., was the guest of honor at the September state meeting of the Connecticut department held recently at the state armory on Arch St., New Britain, Conn.

It was the largest state gathering since the start of the war, approximately 200 representatives from various chapters in Connecticut and Massachusetts being on hand. During the business meeting with State Department Commander J. Philip Fray of Bridgeport presiding,

Commander Brunton, accompanied by Mrs. Brunton and their daughter and the Commander's official aide, were met in Hartford by State Policeman Albin Backiel and the party was taken to the Sheraton hotel in this city. The Commander was officially greeted to New Britain by Mayor George A. Quigley, former Mayor Gardner C. Weld, chairman of the distinguished guests committee, and Policeman Anthony Pechout, Chapter Commander.

At the meeting, Commander Brunton was presented with a carving set manufactured at Landers, Frary & Clark as a memento of his visit to New Britain.

YD SONS IN SERVICE

SGT. MAY R. SNICKERS
W.A.C. Det.
Fort Benning, Ga.
★
Wife of
Charles A. Snickers
A Co., 104th Inf.

PVT. RITA M. SNICKERS
Army Air Force
★
Daughter of
Charles A. Snickers
A Co., 104th Inf.

HUDSON F. PACKARD
1st Lt. Air Corps
Mustang Pilot shot down May 19
1944 — Over Hannover, Germany.
★
Son of
Earl Packard
H Co., 104th Inf.

CPL. ARTHUR POTVIN, JR.
95th Fighter Squadron
82nd Fighter Group
★
Son of
Arthur Potvin
Supply Co., 102nd Reg. F.A.

HENRY LEO POTVIN, S 2/c
c/Fleet, P. O.
San Francisco, Cal.
★
Son of
Arthur Potvin
Supply Co., 102nd Reg. F.A.

CPL. JOSEPH POTVIN
301st Depot Repair Squadron
25th A.D.G. Unit No. 1
★
Son of
Arthur Potvin
Supply Co., 102nd Reg. F.A.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Austin G. Lund, 168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.

ANDROSCOGGIN

Commander: Eugene Beaudoin
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas

With the election of Comdr. Eugene Beaudoin to the post of commander of the Department of Maine, he resigned his position in the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of Lewiston-Auburn and Albert T. Rose was elected to fill out his unexpired term. Isadore Fogel was elected junior vice-commander.

The Androscoggin Valley Chapter is one organization which has no local chapter dues, the $2.00 paid by the members each year going to National. Expenses for the local organization are paid for out of funds raised by the chapter from sponsoring the World of Mirth carnival each year.

One of the organization's projects in addition to assisting service men is a liberal donation to many of the community's charities which they have investigated and found exceedingly worthy.

At each monthly meeting a buffet lunch with suitable liquid refreshments are served with no additional charge to the members. Once a year a "Carnival Banquet" is held at the Silver Slipper in Auburn. At that time all members of the chapter, outside friends who were members of the two-star bowling teams sponsored by the club, friends assisting at the annual carnival and representatives of the Lewiston city government, whose willing assistance has been much appreciated by the organization are guests. A fine banquet, refreshments and a professional floor show are always features of the occasion.

The August meeting was held at Lake Auburn where Comrade Joseph Cychol, past chapter commander, and his wife proved super-duper hosts. Steam clams and lobsters were served with all the fixings. Several members who have been famous for their capacity for food were shamed into the background by Henry Moore of the New York Chapter, a former Lewiston-Auburn resident who ate and ate and continued to eat until there wasn't anything left for the three cats belonging to the Cychols.

— Fuller Dope.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael E. S. McDermott, 50 Main St., Hanover, N. H.
Secretary: George Simoneau, Curtiss Inn., Manchester St., Manchester, N.H.

Hoping all chapters will go out and get new members from World War No. 2 boys and get back in the harness YD boys from all the outfits of W.W. No. 1 who should belong to their own chapter or members at large. Also received from Gene Dugas tickets which we hope all chapters in New Hampshire will have five members to go to the banquet in Manchester for Past National Commander John Dunlap on Oct. 6th at the Hotel Carpenter. Hoping Rochester, Keene, Franklin, Nashua, Concord and other chapters will be there to show the new Commander of the YD that New Hampshire will go out and get plenty of new YD members for the good of old YD. Hoping to hear from different chapters when their meeting nights are so I can plan visiting each chapter at a later date.

— Michael E. S. McDermott.

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BEVERLY

Commander: Harold Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

Now that the guerre is fini, summer is on the wane and no more overtime work, we are looking forward to larger gatherings at our meetings.

The officers held a meeting at the home of our commander and really had a bang-up affair.

Our chapter took part in the monster V-J parade which was held on Sunday, Sept. 9. Although we did not have many YDers in our ranks they were spread out among the different organizations. Also noticed quite a few of the boys on the side lines, i.e., P.N.C. Ray Doucette of Lynn, P.C. Jody Bates of Danvers and others too numerous to mention.

Our chapter is also to take part in the big time that Beverly is to have one year from V-J Day, when they are to entertain all veterans of World War II who entered the service from Beverly.

Was glad to see some of the old timers show up for the parade. Ben Runnals, Frank Dupee, Ed Prisby, Stillman Mayo, Neal Mitchell, Gus Creesey, Earle Grant, Louis Sonia and Fred Hammond.

P.C. Frank Smith could not make it. He had a lame back (not from digging in the garden), so he turned out with the Auxiliary Police who did a fine job. Bert Nelson also made a fine looking officer of the law.

Guy Fossiano was reported as being at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home but apparently has recovered from his ailment as he is back home again.

— Joe Bright.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly smoker for September was held on the third Thursday with Sumner K. Wiley, Regional Director of the Federal Housing Authority, as the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Wiley gave a very interesting talk on government housing in regard to the Veterans of World War No. 2 and how they could obtain government houses at this time. His talk was of interest to all veterans of both wars. In addition Sergeant Minsk showed the movie, "The Fighting Lady" which was very interesting and held the audience to the end.

Lt. Col. Walter Mungovan was a recent visitor to the club. He had just returned from the Burma-China area after a year and a half overseas.

Plans are being made for the YD Club Annual Ball which will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston on Friday, December 7th. This will be the first ball since the end of the war and with the new members should be one of the largest and best ever.

CONCORD

"Minute-Man Chapter"
Commander: Bernard F. Snee
47 Woburn St., Lexington
Secretary: Charles E. Carton
22 Webber Ave., Bedford

Sept. 11, 1945, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting at Tony Iasy YD Dugout, 16 members present coming from Bedford 7, Concord 3, W. Concord 3, and Lexington 3.

S.V.C. Snee took the chair as Commander Day was absent.

Minutes of last meeting which was held in July were read and treasurer made report. Fifty-eight members on books to date, only 16 show up. How come? War over, plenty of gas, come around and let us look you over and see what you look like.

Two guests were present—Dept. Treas. William S. McCarthy's son, Joseph of the Marine Corp and Maurice White of YD Club, Washington, D.C.

Comrade White is of 102nd M.G. Batt. and hopes to make his home in Lexington or Waltham in the near future.

Jack Hayes, D Co., 104th Infantry, was in and old Alec McEachern of same company. Our old KP, Gunnar Hemmingson also showed up.

Election of officers was held and secretary cast one vote for the following: Commander, Bernard F. Snee, 103rd M.G.; S.V.C., Clyde A. Booker, 101st Eng.; J.V.C., Emil Svenningsen; Secretary, Charles E. Carton, 101st Inf.; Treasurer, John O'Grady, B Co., 101st MPs.; Chaplin, Joseph H. Daigle, 104th Infantry; Historian, Frederick B. Moreau, D Co., 104th Infantry; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph M. Dee, B Co., 101st MPs.; Executive Committee, Dept. Treasurer William S. McCarthy; P.C., Michael J. Dee and P.C. Clifford

L. Day. Installation Oct. 9th; place to be announced later.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and all chapter members went to Bedford Town Hall where Anthony, Hunt, Hamilton Post 221, American Legion and Auxiliary were being installed by State Vice-Commander John J. Sullivan, 104th Infantry and member of Minute-Man Chapter, YDVA. John did a good job of installing. It comes easy to him as he has been doing it for 15 years.

We will miss you next year John as we of the YDVA expect you to be Dept. Commander of American Legion. Good luck from the gang.

Bum chapter meeting, no AMMO, boys had to go to Legion installation and eat ice cream and cake; some slipped out the back door to McGoverns. Wonder what he sells? ? ?

Next meeting Oct. 9, 1945. Place unknown—will notify you by card. Installation of officers—expect to see a big turnout.

— Sully.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bernard Brown
Townsend, Mass.

Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter held its regular meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 11, 1945, in its regular quarters with Commander Brown presiding.

Comrade Eugene Cotnoir is at present in the Burbank Hospital and Comrade John Murray is back home again from Pondsville.

Because of the chapter serving a testimonial dinner for Lt.-Col. Wm. McBride, 9th Air Corps and Mo. M.M. 1/c Adelard Boucher, Seabees, both of Fitchburg Chapter, who have returned from overseas, very little business was conducted.

Mayor "Pete" Lapierre of Leominster and Col. Harvey Fletcher of the 4th Division, first World War, were invited guests. Mayor Al Woolacott was M.C. Mayor Lapierre and Colonel Fletcher made a few remarks and Comrade Boucher only said he was sure glad to be home.

Comrade Lt.-Col. McBride was called on to tell about some of his experiences. He traced his travels from D-Day plus 15 when his outfit landed in France until it reached the farthest point of General Patton's 3rd Army. Of course the most interesting part of his talk was when he described his trips to the old places that our outfits knew during World War I. He visited all the old fronts that the 26th Division fought on and his descriptions of the places now were very interesting.

Incidentally the supper put on by the committee of which P.C. Tom Kennedy was chairman, consisted of corned beef, cabbage, turnips, carrots, boiled potatoes, rolls, butter, coffee, ice cream, cookies and Schlitz.

I am happy to report that six of the boys from Winchendon, Mass., who fought in the first World War with the 26th Division, joined the chapter at this meeting.

Fitchburg Chapter extends its sympathies to the families of the following members who have passed to the Great Beyond since the last meeting. P.C. "Doc" Riendeau, July 27, 1945; Treasurer Sam Farrell, Past State Treasurer, Aug. 25, 1945, and Comrade Frank Landry, Sept. 9, 1945. Details will be found in "Taps".

Total memberships of Fitchburg Chapter is now 172.

— Russ Aldrich.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

Rain and fog did not prevent members of the chapter and auxiliary from attending a party at the summer home of Comrade Charles Brindamour and his wife Lillian, at Seabrook Beach on Saturday, August 25th. Besides the host and hostess and their family, the following members of the chapter were noted: Burnham, Tarleton and Norton together with the following members of the auxiliary, Kay Burnham, Kay Hamilton, Margaret Powers, Anne Pluff, Florence Tarleton, Agnes Ross, Flora Gaspar, Mattie Greenleaf and her husband. There was fish chowder, the women played beano and the men held a gab-fest.

On Sept. 13th Commander Burnham and Treasurer Meteyer together with their wives attended the banquet and get-together held in Salem, Mass. in honor of the YD men of World War II.

— Clyde H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugus, Mass.

Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Membership drive is still on with our new J.V.C. Bob Quinn in charge and we are out to get over 40

re-ups which will put our total at highest ever. Our monthly smokers are still tops under the direction of S.V.C. Bill Eddows assisted by Chef George Walton. At our last smoker we were honored by the return of two popular members, Major Newton Courtney and Captain Harold "Doc" Crowell, both with splendid records in the European area. A surprise visitor was another member recently discharged, James Campbell, who has been serving in the Navy. A fine program was put on by Salem Coast Guard Base.

P.C. Thomas Curran was appointed chairman of the annual Armistice Eve Banquet and will announce committee later. If you have never attended one of our banquets, make your plans now to bring your wife. It's the big event of the year.

— The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Armand J. Duclos
556 Kempton St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Harold J. Kenyon
26 Rotche St., New Bedford, Mass.

The monthly meeting for Sept. was held as usual on the second Tuesday at Walter Johnson's cottage, Harbor View. Past Commander Walter Burns who is famous for his fish chowder suppers did the honors once more and as usual the boys returned to the chow line for not only seconds, but thirds and even fourths. Harold Kenyon selected a spot outdoors to peel the spuds, ably assisted by our host's better half. After helping the boys in the preparation, Mrs. Johnson turned the house over to the gang until midnight. When the boys had satisfied the inner man the business meeting was held and their the boys played different games of cards. Some of the boys who didn't care to play gathered around and reminesced over the days of 1917 to 1919 and also talked of their boys, some of whom have returned home, and others who are situated in the four corners of the globe serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or the Maritime service. The attendance after the summer vacation was very gratifying and the boys signified their intention of turning out for the October meeting which will also be held at the same place. It will take the form of a weenie roast so prepare your alibis well in advance. Here's hoping that in addition to those who showed up this month that many more will put in an appearance.

We are all grateful to Walter Johnson for the generous offer of using his home and also to Walter Burns for the amount of work he put in preparing the supper. For the November meeting and for the rest of the winter months we will, no doubt, have our meetings once more at Carpenter's Hall, No. 6th St.

— Bee Bee.

SALEM

Commander: Charles Leger
32 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

On Sept. 13, the Salem chapter held a YD Night in YD Quarters, Salem, starting with a banquet at 6.30. The purpose was to welcome the new YD who were around Salem that night, and to present our Mayor Edward Coffey his honorary membership card to Salem Chapter.

Our fast stepping Nat. Commander Dennis Brunton and his Sgt.-at-Arms, Roswell Patch, and their better halfs, also Dennis' good looking daughter, left Springfield at 4 p.m. and arrived in Salem at 7, 120 miles. They must have stepped on the gas plenty.

The guests, including the above mentioned were, Dept. S.V.C. Geo Watton and Major Francis J. Laplante, 101st Hdq. this war; from Lawrence, Dept. Jr.V.C. Ernest Meteyer; Commander Wallace Burnham; Clyde Norton, Sec.; Pres., Haverhill Aux., Mrs. Ruth Meteyer; Mrs. Burnham and others from Haverhill; Dept. Service Officer Albert Maxwell from Reading; Henry Sullivan and the Mrs.; Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard from Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jackson, Commander of V.F.W. of Marblehead; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bishop of Danvers; Commander of Post 23, A. L., Salem, Alfred Shatswell, Bat. D, 101st F.A., who becomes one of our brand new members, Post 23 gets a capable new Commander, Salem YD is proud

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to welcome him into the fold.

Another new member, Maxine Perry. New YD paid membership previous to the party, George Dube, 221st F.A.; Carlo Marfongelli, 180th F.A.; William Provencher, Med. Det., 102nd F.A.Bn.; William T. Wallace, Co. H, 101st Inf.

The Salem YD Auxiliary headed by their President Jacqueline Thibault co-operated as usual to make the affair a success. Commander "Toothless" Charlie Leger was on the sick list, but managed to get to the party.

Our Nat. Comm. Dennis made a fine report of Y.D.V.A. for the new boys. Our Mayor Eddie Coffey boosted us sky high as usual, and he is having some repairs done on our Headquarters to keep us warm during the meeting and the penny-ante game.

The winners of the raffle awards: Mr. Theriault, Dow St., Salem; Mrs. Fellows Peabody, (our Historian's better half) and Norman April, Lafayette St., Salem. Yours truly sold forty-seven bucks worth of tickets, and no winner, so when I sell you raffle tickets from now on, don't expect to win. We'll call it a painless extraction of one dime.

— "Donald Duck" Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: John Meffen
100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

The members of the Springfield Chapter and Auxiliary who attended the outing at Comrade and Mrs. Egan's in North Wilbraham on Sunday, Aug. 19th, certainly had a grand time and a rising vote of thanks is extended to the Egans for their usual splendid hospitality. Incidentally, Comrade Egan is taking orders for turkeys so why not call North Wilbraham 161-11 and order a turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Our membership drive is still going strong. Chairman Gilligan and his committee are certainly working very hard to give the Springfield Chapter the largest membership it has ever enjoyed.

Our newest member from World War II is Comrade Arthur E. Mills who served with Company "B", 104th Infantry. Comrade Mills was awarded the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation and we are very pleased to welcome him into our chapter.

At our chapter meeting held on Sept. 7th, Comrade Hogan was appointed as chairman of our entertainment committee and he has promised to have some form of entertainment at all future meetings. Starting with our meeting of Sept. 21st, we will have a speaker, moving pictures and refreshments. This should be an inducement for some of you comrades whom we haven't seen for a long time.

The Springfield Chapter now boasts of a "pin-up" girl. Miss Marita D. Brunton, the charming daughter of National Commander and Mrs. Brunton was given this title at the Connecticut State Meeting which was held on Sunday, Sept. 9th, in New Britain.

Please keep in mind that we meet on the first and third Fridays of each month at the G.A.R. Hall on State street.

— Roswell F. Patch.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

How time flies—here it is time again for more news from the 'Heart of the Commonwealth'. Everything moving along so fast that dates have come and gone before you know it. We here are working hard to get things in order before the winter months set in, so that we may be able to relax during the cold weather and enjoy ourselves.

The house committee really is doing a bang-up job in getting our new home in condition, such as a new paint job on the outside, a new heating unit for the barn so that affairs may be held there without too much inconvenience for the public and several other items that are being worked on. P.C. Jones and his committee are to be congratulated on the work that they are doing.

The meetings here are well attended and the chairman of membership (Junior Vice Comdr. Eric Thoreen) says that he is still trying his best to increase membership standing. At our last meeting we were interrupted by Comrade Tivnan who stated that the telephone call that he received was to the effect that he had been appointed manager of the Municipal Auditorium. Congratulations were in order for our comrade also a reprimand to the effect that in the future if we wanted to use that place it was to be granted without an argument. (Ha-ha, nice going Joe, more power to you). Comrade Tivnan moves into his new position the first of the year.

On Thursday, Sept. 13th, this chapter was host to the Veterans' Council of the city at which were representatives of all of the Veterans' organizations of the city as well as the Military Affairs Committee of the City Government to discuss the question of the V-J Day celebration. Also on that night the mem-

bers of Batteries "B" and "E" met to arrange for the affairs of the room that is assigned to them. The boys of "B" act as a big brother at times for the boys of "E", when it comes to finances. They are better fixed so lend a helping hand when the occasion arises.

The members of the good old 104th have their room complete now and are waiting for the proper time to make it official. They have a placque that was given to them by Mrs. Barry, widow of Comrade Harold Barry, that will be dedicated at some future date. Also at some future date there are three pictures that will be unveiled in the front parlor. They are Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards (daddy of our organization), Gen. Thomas Foley and Col. John F. J. Herbert. The latter two were painted in oil by a Mr. Daniel F. Breen (and I might say that the one that I have seen is a very remarkable job).

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander James Macallum, 62 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Francis Dunn
52 Appleton St., Providence 9, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, 10, R. I.

The atomic bomb of kind words dropped on the headquarters of Mikadoo Jules by bombardiers Murray and Mack, brought forth the following comment in the July-August issue of DOINGS (How could I cut this last paragraph). Well, Hap, our terms are still unconditional surrender. If you'll lay off cutting other paragraphs we will talk peace terms with you.

As the pilot of the poison pen I merely put together the news handed me by "Betty" Murray, a former New Havenite. I'm telling you, fellars, when she turned to page 31 of DOINGS and read where the boys laid claim to being the liveliest chapter in YDVA, I thought an atomic bomb had exploded in her step-ins. Far be it from me to stick my chin out for my partner in crime. All I can say is when you come from Connecticut into the U.S.A. you hit a place called Kent County where our baby chapter is located. Continue travelling East and you'll eventually hit Pawtucket where Apremont is located. After leaving Pawtucket there's little left of Rhode Island. If you retrace your steps you'll hit a place called Providence. I merely mention this to let the boys from New Haven know we were runners-up for the Philip Sanborn trophy which now adorns their snort room. Congratulations, boys, you deserved it.

During the years of 1944-45 we had a membership drive. The winner was to be judged according to a formula laid out by one Professor Appleby. It was to be figured on a percentage basis dating back five years. We'll admit New Haven won, but for publicity sake we would like the results published in DOINGS. If the professor from Lynn has the problem figured out I wish he would send it to the Editor of DOINGS. How are you, Austin?

In this year of 1945 everything is atomic. Since the bomb blew Japan out of war we are living in an atomic age. Before long, without points, we will be having atomic hamburgers and steaks. Believe it or not, fellars, the atomic bomb dropping on the Japs has raised our membership from 259 to 271. The explosion blew in such fine comrades as: Ronald "Moose" Platt, Newfield, Maine; James S. Clarke, Brockton, Mass.; John F. Diffley, Harold G. Carmichael, Paul V. Sundberg, John A. Dolliver, Earl W. Carpenter, Paul Everson, William C. Marshall, Arthur F. Vine, Tony Bucci, Herbert W. Sheldon, Raymond B. Jordan, George Nye, Charlie Hart and another hero from the old Jam Battery by the name of Victor R. Coty, Cranston, R. I. Listen, Vic, the next time "Legs" Stenson drops in let him have a scotch and soda on me, or mix him one of those Artillery Highballs you dished out for the Jam Battery on New Year's Eve 1917.

For old time sake let's look at the record. Back in '43, Kitt's Chow-hounds did a splendid job for Mike Crescenzo in raising the membership from 150 to 215. The following year the same membership team really went to town when Providence hit the all-time high of 259 for Commander Davidson. At this writing the membership is 270. There's a possibility that Vickery's High Explosives may hit the 275 mark before October 1st. If so, we will have to take our hats off to "Atomic Bomb" Vickery who has really hit the target for Commander "Scotty" Dunn.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Albert Plant
846 Main St., Pawtucket
Secretary, John R. Moran
Grand Ave., Pawtucket

Seven old men who thought they knew all the tricks when it came to playing poker proved to be just has-beens and were taught a thing or two by a little fellow who just "joined" the game. After taking a lot of guff, he proved he could knock the big fellows over just as easy as David took Goliath — and with nothing showing but a pair of threes which weren't even called! I won't say what the big guys turned over — but enough said. Time to call the meeting to order!

The meeting was highlighted by the discussion of the letter from the Washington Chapter re: *Membership and Voting Privileges.* The secretary's careful reading of the letter finally led to a vote unanimously in favor of the action taken at the last convention, and as against any change in the voting system at the present time. The secretary was instructed to send a letter to the National Commander telling our view. However, we of Apremont Chapter are broadminded and if Washington or any other chapter has a better idea we will listen.

Walter Jenks was appointed Chairman of the Memorial Committee, with Joe Gagnon and John Mallon as aids. The date and place of the annual memorial service, which is to be held in Pawtucket, will be announced later. All YD men are invited to attend this service with us.

Two members of Apremont Chapter were elected to office recently at a meeting of the Polish American Veteran's Association, Central Falls, R. I. Balthazar Zajo, Senior Vice-Commander and Walter Trella, Adjutant. Good luck to both of them.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: J. Philip Fray, 162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Robert R. Reyburn, 74 Lindsley Pl., Stratford, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Another gala YD Day was written in the history of Connecticut Department on Sunday, Sept. 9th at New Britain, Conn. This department held forth the annual observance of Past National and Past Department Commanders' Day.

The festivities started with the greeting of our National Commander Denny Brunton and his offiicial staff from Springfield, Mass. and proceeded to the beautiful Monument dedicated to the heroes of World War I where a wreath was placed by Denny and we assisted in a small way the ritual by Chapter Commander Tony Penchout. From there the delegation, consisting of Past National Comdr. Al Herman, Past Dept. Comdrs. Geer and Hirsch, Dept. Comdr. Fray, Sgt.-at-Arms Carlos, Comdr. Penchout of New Britain, Sr. Vice-Comdr. Roys, G. C. Weld, P.C. Commander New Britain, who acted as receptionists to Denny and his staff, led by State Trooper Albin Backiel, drove to the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Newington, where all were cordially greeted by Lt. Col. Prescott and immediately invited to partake in a splendid dinner of roast chicken and all the necessary fixings.

After this hearty meal the Colonel took all on an inspection tour. In the wards many of our own YD comrades were greeted—all were glad to see the delegation and in our travels we made contact with four of the new YD.

After our tour we were late in getting back so the business meeting didn't start until 3.40 p. m. Meeting was opened with prayer by Chaplain Dike and was called to order by Comdr. Fray requesting the Sgt.-at-Arms to escort to his station the following: National Comdr. Brunton, National Sgt.-at-Arms Patch, Past National Comdrs. Herman, Miller, Bourn and Past Dept. Comdrs. Geer and Hirsch.

Roll call of officers, seven present; nine chapters present. No treasurer report as Sammy was celebrating New Year's. Here's our best, Sam. Membership report to date as well known. Department standing, 1002.

Jr. Vice reports progress. Chaplain Dike reports on visits to 14 sick YD comrades at Newington—also reports of visit to Rocky Hill. A minute silence was observed for the repose of our dear departed comrade, Harvey (Buck) Adams, a loyal YDer, who passed to his reward last month; report made on welfare of our Dept. Historian John Goss—send him a card of cheer comrades.

There were no committeee reports. Bills and communications, two bills for two months, mimeographing and mailing total, $5.90; voted paid. Attention

called to chapters as not yet having paid State Per Capita Tax—send it in comrades.

Letter from Past National Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Dugas read regarding dinner in honor of P.N.C. John Dunlap to be held Saturday, Oct. 6th at the Hotel Carpenter in Manchester, N. H. Comdr. Fray urged all to attend. Get tickets from P.S.C. Hirsch and all Connecticut chapters. Hirsch reports that a delegation of eight from New Haven are making preparations to leave Saturday morning—so come on all ye faithful—no man was ever more deserving than John Dunlap.

No unfinished or new business so good of YD was in order. Comdr. Fray read the eligibility list of our new YD and asked same to be published in papers by all Connecticut chapters where possible. Comdr. Fray spoke further of bettering attendance and fostering better good fellowship and comradeship among all. Motion by P.N.C. Miller, seconded by Hirsch that Connecticut department, beginning with this issue of *Yankee Doings*, place ad of our monthly meetings, so voted and carried.

Commander Fray called for acceptance of October meeting. Meriden answered the call and Bristol answered for November, so comrades, our next two meetings, Meriden at American Legion Hall, Colony street, Oct. 14, 1945, 3.00 p. m., sharp; Bristol at place to be named later, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1945.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Samuel Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Our first meeting of the Bridgeport Chapter after our summer vacation and in America at Peace with the World was very well attended by the old regulars, Comdr. Sam Marcus very active as usual, presiding. Also Past Comdrs. Carlos, Frey, Cockerton, Rayburn, Collier, and a few others showed up.

After a brief business meeting an interesting talk was held about veterans' aid, a memorial to the veterans by the city, jobs for veterans and other topics of interest. We finished with refreshments by the ladies (God bless them), who are always there to bring them on.

At the next meeting a card party is planned by them and a large turnout is expected so they can keep up their good work to remember the boys in the hospital and those in the service.

— Samuel Zolo.

BRISTOL

Commander: Loren White
50 Walnut St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

The boys have got on to my tail again so I guess we'll have to get a little news in *Doings* from Mont Sec Chapter.

Since I wrote you last Bristol and Mont Sec has lost by death a good friend, the Hon. Joseph F. Dutton, who was our war-time mayor during the first struggle. He was also a National Honorary Member of YDVA.

A delegation headed by Comdr. White attended State Meeting in New Britain last Sunday and met our new National Commander, who made quite a hit with us. Had a good time in the hardware city, they all said.

Six members from Bristol—Comdr. White, Thompson, Parent, Peters, Anderson and Salladin, are going up to Manchester to P.N.C. Dunny dinner.

We held our September meeting as usual at the Elks and voted to invite the State Department to hold their November meeting in Bristol.

Officer Bill Thompson has just returned from a vacation up in Vermont and New Hampshire and met quite a few YD boys including my old buddy Joe Woods of New London chapter.

— W. N. Salladin, Jr.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Dexter A. Cargill
85 Fort Hale Rd., New Haven 13, Conn.
Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

What kept yuh—a can of dubbing? New Haven Chapter has passed its all-time membership figure under the direction of our hard-working Senior Vice Commander, Ray Cooper. Ray must have been inspired by the return of his son, Sgt. Ray Cooper, Jr., from very active service in the Pacific. He was in three major engagements and is now in Plattsburg Hospital recuperating. Ray's other son, Pfc. Thomas Cooper and his daughter Jane of the Air Corps WACS, and her husband, M/Sgt. Charles Dippold, were recently discharged. Sgt. Dippold is the son of a former World War I YD man, Charlie Dippold (102nd M.G. Bn.).

Maybe the boys of this present army have something on our old gang because our commander, Lt. Col. Cargill, is running our meetings with a snap and precision that I doubt he had in the last war. The

chapter is expecting to entertain P.N.C. Appleby in the very near future, when he visits us to present the Col. Len Maloney token. He had better bring along any other trophies he might have if he wants to save himself making another trip.

At our last meeting we had three discharged veterans of YD World War II in attendance and will have their names on the dotted line by next meeting. We are rather handicapped in New Haven in signing up the new men due to the fact that there is less than 10 in our whole area. Speaking of company representation in one chapter, we have 34 men out of D Company, 102nd M.G. Bn. as paid up members. Can any other one company tie that?

— Eugene F. Clark.

MERIDEN
Commander: George Semrau
376 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Howard R. Matteson
256 Spring St., Meriden, Conn.

George P. Marble, U.S.C.G.R., enlisted June, 1942. He received his boot training at Manhattan Beach and was assigned to the Howard D. Crow, a detroyer-escort in 1943. He has made 22 crossings of the Atlantic on convoy duty and in June, this year, he was sent to the Pacific aboard the same ship. His wife and eight months' old son live in Meriden.

Judson E. Marble was inducted after graduation from high school in 1943. He received training in Fort Knox, Kentucky and Camp Barkeley, Texas with the 12th armored division. He went overseas in September, 1944 and went into action in December in France as part of the Seventh Army. In the battle of Colmar he was wounded in both legs and in May, three months later he was sent back to his outfit in Germany, then he was sent home for a 30-day furlough in August. He wears the E.T.O. ribbon with three battle stars, the Purple Heart, good conduct ribbon and the combat infantryman's medal. They are both sons of George Marble, Sr., a member of Co. L, 102nd Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cranston of 61 Meriden avenue, are observing the 26th anniversary of their marriage.

At the department meeting held in New Britain we invited the State Department to hold its next meeting in Meriden.

Our auxiliary appointed the following for the committee: Mrs. E. Dikes, Miss Winifred Dunn, and Mrs. Winifred Adams. They are to work with our committee on entertainment and refreshments.

— Howard R. Matteson.

NEW BRITAIN
Commander: Tony Pechout
99 Glen St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Eric S. Olsen
123 Church St., New Britain, Conn.

The State Meeting was held here Sept. 9th. Our National Commander and his staff and also many other distinguished guests were present. Refreshments were served and a good time was held by all. Ask Fred Hirsch.

We have a member here in New Britain who saw fit to go to work in one of our war plants (although he didn't mean to) and all the money he earned he invested in War Bonds. Good boy, "Bob."

A number of us attended the clambake at the YD Grove in Plainville. Comrade Roys from Meriden also was present.

Our Commander has instructed me to thank every one who worked on the various committees and who helped so much to make the State Meeting a success, so you all have it from him, here.

Now we want all you members to attend our meetings. They are the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Tony has a new plan (he is always thinking up something new) and you will hear about it soon.

— Eric S. Olsen.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Just try and get a news item out of any one of the gang! Vetter—"Any one got a news item to be sent in?" "Rocky"? "No!" "Johnson"? No! "Doc" Morris"? "No"! etc., etc. around the table.

Anyhow, we held our September meeting on Monday, the 17th, and since both the "Jedge" and Dr. Morris were present, we had quite a lively meeting. Those present in addition to the above were Capt. Cournoyer, Murray and Goedelmann. An effort was made to have the YD boys out at Fitz-

simons present, but none of them showed up.

Jack Conley, a former YDer and now one of our local "wrasslers" was given a fine send off in the Post.

Jack Lawrence, who recently sold his restaurant, said that he might be present but wasn't. The "Jedge" better known as Major Preston brought along a jug.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

The Ohio Chapter at its last regular meeting started its fall and winter season in good old YD style. (Refreshments, etc., etc. and more refreshments). Throughout the war the chapter like all Americans observed the ration program to the fullest but now that the peace has arrived, well the gang out here felt like letting their hair down once again. Plans are in progress that assures all those attending meetings of an entertaining evening, such as we formerly enjoyed.

The last meeting was attended by one of our old timers, "Bill Raper", Hdqtrs. Co., 101st Supply Train. Bill has been out of the city for quite a while. Our welcome to "Bill" was tempered with our deepest sympathies to him in the loss of "Bill, Jr.", in the explosion of his bomber in the South Pacific, while on a bomhing mission. "Bill Jr.", was the second son of one of the Ohio Chapter members to make the Supreme Sacrifice, the first being "Bob" Flahaven, son of our first commander, "Fred", who also gave his life in the South Pacific.

Another old timer to attend was "Vic" Dieterich, Co. F, 103rd Infantry. Bill Smart, Co. F, 102nd Infantry was the new member. Welcome to all.

Since the Ohio Chapter was organized at the American Legion convention in 1936, the chapter has had just one honorary member, that one being Mrs. Charles A. Otis, sister of our beloved "Daddy" Edwards.

At our last meeting we elected our second, the Hon. Judge Lewis Drucker of Cleveland. His Honor is a veteran of our war and a veteran judge. Since 1937 he has never failed to accept an invitation from our chapter and the invitations were many. We know that many of his acceptances were made at a great inconvenience to himself. His record as a humanitarian and his never ending loyalty to all veterans, his constant loyalty and solicitude for the Ohio chapter of the YDVA has merited his election to our Honorary Membership.

The chapter, Red Patrol Wagon and all, Colors and Color Guard were very prominent and dominant in Cleveland's Victory Parade on Tuesday night, Sept. 11th. For once the chapter marched as a real unit and not spread around through the various veterans' organizations.

The chapter now meets on the first Sunday of the month as usual but the meeting hour has been changed to 7:00 o'clock p. m.

— ATTENTION —

Our Ladies' Auxiliary is really going places in membership as well as financial. They meet on the same Sunday at the same hour. (Why not bring your wife and daughters? They are eligible. Let's make the first Sunday night of the month a YD family night.

The Ohio chapter would like to hear from any members who are planning to attend the Delegates' Convention of the American Legion, which I believe is to be held in Chicago on or about the 18th or 19th of November.

— Ed Dulude.

NEW YORK

Commander: William H. Cowie
43-17 149th St., Flushing, L. I.
Secretary: Ralph F. Nevin
230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

New York Chapter held its first meeting after the summer recess on Tuesday, September 13th, at the Hotel Lexington. New York Chapter now meets on the second Tuesday instead of the fourth Thursday of the month.

The Chapter was pleased to welcome our old friend Sam Marcus of Bridgeport, who left a few very good suggestions which we will do well to follow.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming two new members, veterans of the YD in World War II, John A. Godfrey, ex-Staff Sgt. B Co., 328th Infantry, and Lt. Ernest W. Greup of A Co., 328th Infantry. This Lieut. was unable to be present as he is undergoing treatment in Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Penna., but we hope to have him back with us shortly.

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent deaths of two of our loyal members. Roger Williams, formerly Captain of I Co., 103rd Inf., died at New York Hospital on August 11th. Funeral services were held at Scarsdale, N. Y. on August 13th. Roger was a loyal member of YDVA, one of the organizers and former Trustee of New York Chapter. He is survived by a son now stationed in the Army Medical Corps at Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver, Colo.

We were shocked to hear also of the death on

September 13th of another faithful YDVA member, Arthur H. Ronnie, formerly of Batt. A, 103rd F.A., who died suddenly in St. Albans Hospital in Long Island. A YDVA memorial service was held by members of the New York Chapter in the funeral parlor at Rosedale, L. I., Sunday evening, September 16th. "Ronnie", as he was known to us, had served New York Chapter as Sergeant-at-Arms, as Trustee and on various committees. He is survived by his wife, and two sons at present in the service, one in the Army and the other in the Navy.

We received an interesting letter from Harold Washburn who is at Newington Veterans Hospital. For his information may we say that we also have "does" down here in the heart of New York, although we've never heard one make any comments to us such as the one back of the hospital made to him. Glad to hear you are coming along well, "Red".

There are rumors that the YD is due back from Europe next month. New York Chapter is ready to extend a welcome to the boys who have carried on our traditions, and may they join with Y.D.V.A. and perpetuate the associations of their war-time service.

— Ralph F. Nevin.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . . Following the finest tributes ever accorded a president, William P. "Bucky" Coffey was re-elected by the 101st Infantry Veterans Asso. at one of the greatest annual business meetings every conducted by the old 101st. Amidst beautiful surroundings in the Lobby Salon of the Hotel Bradford on Sunday, Sept. 9, 1945, the old gang settled down to participate in the 27th Annual Reunion and Conference. An address by Pres. Coffey relating in details the birth of the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation and how the initial venture of the Foundation had been highly successful was warmly received by the large gathering present.

Other officers elected were William S. Cole, 1st Vice-Pres.; Charles W. Miller, 2nd Vice-Pres.; James J. Powers, Sec.; Major Michael J. Lannon, Treas.; Monsignor Osias Boucher, Permanent Chaplain; John W. Coughlin, Judge Advocate and John A. Doyle, Historian.

A very stirring speech was given by the Majority Leader, Cong. John W. McCormack. Other speakers included Monsignor Osias Boucher, Russ Murray, Col. Vince Breen and Gen. Bill Blake.

"E CO. ECHOES"

Walter Jenks travels south of Boston for the U. S. Solid Fuels Administration for War. In Brockton he saw Ernie Torrey and Carl Norling — both sent greetings to all "E" men. Ernie reported that "Pop" Morrissey had been in the hospital but was out again. Take care of yourself, Pop! Chet Thomas dropped into the editorial sanctum while up this way on his vacation. He was looking rugged and quite massive. His oldest boy is in Porto Rico in radio work for the army, as we recall it. Also, we have before us a snappy looking picture of Chet at a ball game out in Evansville, Ind. The pic. appeared in the June 8th issue of Republic Aviation News — the smart house organ issued by his Company.

My son, Jeff, sailed from Southampton for Le Havre early this year after having been hospitalized in England with trench feet. Have written him to ask if he made the trip on the good ship "La Marguerite" which had the pleasure of transporting us back in October of 1917. Also asked him if he had to hike to the top of that misplaced piece of the Alps where that "rest camp" was! Bill Plummer writes that his nephew who was in the 291st Inf., 75th Div., medical corps, received an award for meritorious conduct under fire in the battle for Germany last April. Charlie Watson thoughtfully provided a basket of flowers for Bill Buxton's grave last Memorial Day. You'll all be interested to know that plans are under way to have a stone placed on the grave, an omission has been called to our attention several times. Major Ray Fales, of the First Corps of Cadets, attended to the placing of the flowers.

Jim Chisholm was in town while I was on vacation so I missed seeing him. He wanted to get Okie O'Connor's address. (By the way, there was a picture in last YANKEE DOINGS showing Okie in all his regalia as a member of the Cleveland Chapter of YDVA.)

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Joseph M. Cooley, formerly of Supply Co., 103rd Infantry died during August, 1945.

Word has been received that Thomas T. Kelley, formerly of Company "M", 101st Infantry, died at his former home in Gardiner, Maine about a year ago.

Since our last meeting Comrade Leon Allaire (of the 104th) living in Rutland, has joined the great army above. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

Also our sympathies go to Comrades Chetwood Treen and Austin L. Kennedy on the loss of their fathers. To Mrs. James McCleery for the loss of her husband.

The boys of Battery "B" and the boys from Webster all share the loss of our comrade from Fitchburg, Urban (Doc.) Riendeau.

Frank E. Landry, Gardner, Mass., was drowned on Sept. 7. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery. Comrade Landry served in Co. B, 104th Infantry, and was wounded in action. Members of Fitchburg Chapter were pall bearers.

William M. Gilson, Brattleboro, Vt., was killed instantly Aug. 29 in a fall of 30 feet. He was a member of D Co., 103rd Infantry and of Windham County Chapter as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Maj. Peter F. Connolly, Clinton, Mass., died Sept. 14 in that town. For 30 years he was armorer at the Clinton Armory, and during World War I formed and led K Co., 101st Infantry overseas. He was buried with full military honors in St. John's Cemetery following a Military High Mass at St. John's Church. A large delegation from the 101st Infantry V.A., as well as the V.F.A., American Legion D.A.V., were present.

Samuel T. Farrell, Fitchburg, passed away Aug. 28 in that city. He was treasurer of the Fitchburg Chapter, and the burial was in Old Lowell Cemetery, Lowell. The pall bearers were from Fitchburg Chapter.

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